



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 28, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

Hearing on amendments to the Trails Maps of the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan and the Antelope Valley Areawide General Plan, [Plan Amendment No. 2006-00001-(5)] to add several trail routes to northern Los Angeles County; also approval of Negative Declaration (ND) and determination that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment or adverse effect on wildlife resources, and that the ND reflects the independent judgment of the County, as further described in the attached letter dated September 19, 2006 from the Director of Planning.

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Executive Officer of the Board. Ron Hoffman, representing the Department of Regional Planning testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Marsha McLean, Laura Hauser, Sherrie Stolarik, Karl R. Reinecker, Linda Pyburn, David Pyburn and others addressed the Board. Correspondence was presented.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The Departments of Parks and Recreation and Regional Planning have expended considerable time and energy to prepare the proposed amendments to the Area-Wide Plans for the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys. Staff held a series of six noticed community hearings throughout the greater Santa Clarita Valley to solicit input from equestrians, hikers, and property-owners. The Regional Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and voted to approve the proposed amendments. Town councils in Acton, Agua Dulce, Castaic-Val Verde and West Ranch support the proposed amendments, as does the Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee and the City of Santa Clarita.

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“After the Planning Commission action, individuals raised concerns about two specific trail alignments.

“Val Verde residents raised safety concerns about the proposed alignment of the Del Valle Trail. The Department of Parks and Recreations recently worked with Val Verde community representatives and local equestrians to revise a section of the Del Valle Trail and part of the Hasley Canyon Trail that is west of Ayala Road. A revised route, recommended in the November 28, 2006 staff report, travels through open space rather than adjacent to a narrow and heavily-traveled section of Del Valle Road.

“Concerns also arose about a proposed trail alignment of the Hasley Canyon Extension in Oak Canyon, generally between Hasley Canyon and the Ventura County boundary. This proposed trail traverses the Lechler Trust, Hathaway, and potentially other properties. Questions were raised about whether the proposed alignment was properly indicated on the Trails Map presented to the Regional Planning Commission. Given these concerns, staff should re-analyze this trail corridor.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Considered and adopted the attached Negative Declaration (ND) prepared for the project; certified its completion, and determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. Made a finding that the proposed Plan Amendments are consistent with the goals, policies, and programs of the County-wide General Plan, the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan and the Antelope Valley Area-Wide General Plan;
3. Indicated its intent to adopt Plan Amendment No. 2006-00001-(5), amending the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Trails Map and the Antelope Valley Area-Wide General Plan Trails Map, as recommended by the Regional Planning Commission with the following revisions:

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- a. Removed a section of the Hasley Canyon Trail that is west of Ayala Road from the proposed Trail Amendment to the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan; Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan;
  - b. Approved the revised section for the Del Valle Trail and incorporated it into the Trail Amendment to the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan, as outlined in the revised attached report by the Department of Parks and Recreation;
  - c. Removed a section of the trail in the Hasley Canyon Extension in Oak Canyon, generally between Hasley Canyon and the Ventura County boundary and primarily impacting the Lechler Trust, Hathaway, and potentially other properties, from the proposed Trail Amendment to the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan; and
4. Instructed the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Regional Planning to study the Del Valle trail corridor and the Oak Canyon trail corridors, working with trail users, equestrians, and property owners, to best provide needed connections to trails in this area and adjoining Ventura County, and to report back to the Board within ninety (90) days with findings and appropriate recommendations for additional plan amendments; and
  5. Instructed County Counsel to prepare the final Plan Amendments, including the aforementioned revisions and submit them to the Board as soon as possible for final adoption.

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Attachments

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor  
Auditor-Controller  
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Director of Parks and Recreation  
Director of Planning  
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